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Some gratification may be derived from the prospect that the ship-subsidy is likely to fail because of disagreement of the division of the spoils among the advocates of that species of looting the treasury for the benefit of big shipping corporations.

With 77 bills introduced in the House on the second day of the meeting of the Legislature, and 14 in the Senate, with 67 more in the House on Monday, our State law mill is pretty well supplied with grist. Many more bills will be introduced during the session, but the introduction of a bill is no guarantee that it will ever go through the hopper.

Representative Chancellor of Barton county offered a resolution in the House last Monday to exclude lobbyists from the floor of that body, but no member seemed to regard it of sufficient importance to trustify it with a second, so it died a-borning. This might imply on the part of the House a consciousness of virtue that is able to withstand any wiles of the lobbyist even at short range.

A GROWING DEBT.

Last April the Farmington News, with an eye single to manufacturing a little local political capital for its party, made this sweeping statement: "With over \$10,000 more cash in the treasury one year after the Republicans took charge of the county's strong box, and the amount of outstanding interest-bearing warrants reduced from \$29,000 to \$14,000, no wonder the people are satisfied with the change." This bald assertion was made upon information furnished the News by the then County Treasurer. THE TIMES pointed out the fallacy of the assertion, to which the News replied that the Treasurer acknowledged he was a little in error, and gave some other figures, upon the strength of which the News tried to bolster up its contention, but which were in reality as faulty as the first, as was shown by THE TIMES. However, the News refused to make any correction of its misleading statement. Shortly after, when the annual financial statement of the county was published, it showed, instead of a reduction of \$14,000 of the outstanding interest-bearing warrants, a reduction of only a few hundred dollars, and that more than offset by unfinished contracts.

On December 28, 1906, the outgoing Republican County Treasurer had to make a final settlement with the County Court. We don't find the News parading it as an evidence of Republican economy and beneficent administration. The reason is obvious. It completely shatters its implied boast of Republican beneficence. Here it is:

ABSTRACT FROM TREASURER'S REPORT:

December 28, 1906.
To amount of interest-bearing indebtedness..... \$32,882.68
To amount of non-interest-bearing indebtedness..... 6,932.40
Total county indebted, proper Credit:
By cash balance in five revenue funds..... 5,997.40
Net indebtedness..... \$33,817.68
To uncompleted bridge contract..... 3,190.00
Gross indebtedness..... \$37,007.68

With an increased indebtedness of over \$8,000 more than the News alleged it was two years ago, does it look as if its boast that a Republican County Court was reducing the county's indebtedness had any foundation in fact or reason? Now this is not said as a reflection upon the business management of the County Court, which went out with the old year a majority of whose members are Republicans, but to

show the hollowness and narrow partisan prejudice of the News, and how little reliance is to be placed in its statements or judgments involving party questions.

The defunct Republican County Court, we are satisfied, managed the county's affairs about as well as they could have been managed under existing conditions. We do not believe they were extravagant, profligate, or anything of the sort, but that all the members of that court were honest, conscientious men; that the expenditures made by them were generally for the good of the county, and the bills allowed and ordered paid right and proper. The fact is, the revenue of the county, under our present system of assessment, is not sufficient to meet its growing needs, and hence the debt necessarily increases. We will have something to say of this in a future article.

The net indebtedness of the county at the close of the fiscal year, March 5, 1905, was \$16,148.18. Now, on December 28, 1906, after two years of a Republican County Court's management, the net indebtedness, according to Treasurer Patton's report to the court on retiring from office, is \$33,817.68, or more than double what it was when the Republican County Court took charge. If we were disposed to view this showing with the narrow partisan prejudice that animates the News we might paraphrase its statement of last April and say "no wonder the people are dissatisfied and want a change."

Congressman Murphy of the Sixteenth Missouri District wants a big "Sunday lid" to cover the entire country. He introduced a bill in the House last Monday which, if it becomes a law, would close up every "whiskey shop" and every "whiskey drug store" on Sunday. He says "there has been so much agitation in favor of the Sunday lid that we ought to put it on right," and he seems to think that a national Sunday law would hold the lid down tight. Mr. Murphy is the Republican who slipped into Congress from the Sixteenth district two years ago, but who, notwithstanding the possession of some sterling qualities of character, was defeated at the last general election and will be succeeded by a Democrat after the 3d of March.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, yielding to the immutable laws of nature and of the Creator and Ruler of the Universe, our esteemed brother, Philip Lorenz, has passed from the mortal to immortal existence, therefore be it resolved by St. Francis Lodge No. 48, I. O. O. F.,

1st, That in the death of Brother Lorenz this lodge has lost a most worthy and exemplary member; one who, in all the walks of life, lived uprightly and honestly, and as an Odd Fellow practiced the beautiful principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

2d, That the community has lost a good and highly esteemed citizen, and his children a devoted, loving and indulgent father, and that to them our sympathy goes out in sincere condolence.

3d, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this lodge, that the charter be draped in mourning for our deceased brother for thirty days, and that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family of our deceased brother.

A young woman named Graham was burned to death on the 2d inst. at Zadoch, Stoddard county. She was sitting up with a sick sister, when the lamp blazed too high and she attempted to carry it out when it exploded, burning her so severely that she soon died in great agony.

J. T. Sellers was shot and killed by Harry Mason at Melott's Mill, Mississippi county, on Christmas morning. The two men had been enemies for years and had frequent quarrels, with the final fatal result. Mason escaped and has not yet been captured.

COUNTY COURT.

First Term of the New County Court Convened and Officers Sworn In.

The new County Court met last Monday, the Justices-elect were sworn in by the County Clerk, the Clerk having previously been qualified by the Circuit Clerk. There were present Jefferson D. Mitchell, presiding justice, George W. Covington, associate justice of the First district, C. M. Heitman, associate justice of the Second district, J. A. Lawrence, clerk, and J. J. Croke, sheriff. The following business was transacted up to the time of going to press:

The clerk presented to the court the appointment of deputies in his office for the approval of the court as follows: Florence C. Lawrence, regular deputy, and Samuel L. Ashbury, special additional deputy at the pleasure of the clerk; which appointments were approved by the court.

A petition was presented asking the court to revoke petitions for dramshop licenses to be signed by two-thirds of the taxpaying citizens instead of a majority. The court has the petition under consideration.

The Court passed an order instructing the Collector to return as erroneous \$300 on assessed valuation of lot 3, block 2, of Clay Place.

The court finding that the valuation of bank stock as it appears on the Assessor's books is erroneous, the clerk was instructed to make correction by revising valuation of assessment.

Charles L. Graves was committed as insane to State Hospital No. 3.

In the matter of assessment of certain lands belonging to J. M. Elvins and J. E. Flowers, order was made instructing the Collector to return as erroneous \$400 on assessed valuation of said lands.

Dramshop licenses were issued to John Wilkison, and petition of W. J. Smith for dramshop license was rejected.

Wednesday the court visited the County Infirmary for the purpose of inspecting that institution.

The following warrant were issued: Dr. W. F. Kuhn, Sup't State Hospital No. 4, \$65, for care of Charles L. Graves; Drs. Robinson & McEwen, \$5, for examination of Charles L. Graves, insane person; Rev. G. H. Smith (colored) \$10 for support of Fanny Simms and Rhoda Burnham; Cole & Nixon Merc. Co., \$10 for support of Peter Edwards; Time Murphy \$6 for relief of Prentice Mitchell; Mrs. J. Wells, supplies for Infirmary; Geo. D. Barnard & Co., supplies for County Clerk's office, \$58; Elliott, Fisher & Co., typewriter for Circuit Clerk \$80; Electric Light Co., \$57.05; Herman & Herbst, \$12.20 for fertilizer; J. H. Mason, \$2 for bread for infirmary; J. J. Croke, \$49 for janitor's salary; Lambert-D-H. Co., \$70 for supplies for Circuit Clerk; John S. Wood, \$24 for sawing wood; Farmington Telephone Co., \$13; Reuter Milling Co., \$3.45 for supplies for Infirmary; J. J. Croke, \$55.50 for boarding prisoners; Boswell & Helber, \$40.95, supplies for court house, jail and infirmary; C. M. Thompson, water license, \$9.85.

Attempted Hold-ups.

Last Saturday night two attempts were made to hold up ladies, the man in both instances wearing gum boots. One of the ladies was on her way home from down town about six o'clock, when a man who was following behind accosted her near the Burnett corner. She hastened onward and stopped at her sister's a couple of blocks farther west, and her little nephew accompanied her the balance of the way. When passing the alley between Liberty street and College avenue, a man, presumably the one that had previously accosted her, rushed at her from the darkened alley, but seeing the boy took himself off in a hurry. About nine o'clock the same night, Mrs. R. R. Higley, who had been visiting a friend and was on her way home, was accosted at the corner of C street and College avenue by a gum-booted pedestrian and ordered to give up her wealth. With some difficulty she persuaded the insistent footpad that she didn't have any money, and was permitted to go on her way in fear and trembling.

Took the Wrong Salts.

Last Sunday morning Mr. Tillman Rock took a dose from a bottle which he supposed contained epsom salts, but which proved to be salts of tartar. He was not long in discovering his mistake, and Dr. Robinson happened by just in time to be called to his aid. A stomach pump was brought into requisition, but for some reason failed to work satisfactorily, when other remedies were resorted to to make him throw up and a solution of vinegar given him to counteract the effects of the alkali on his stomach. He was a very sick man for awhile, but is now out of danger, though he is pretty badly salivated from the action of the vinegar acid. Dr. Robinson not knowing when he administered it that Mr. Rock had the night before taken a healthy dose of calomel.

A DRUG STORE THAT SELLS DRUGS

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You Will be Sure to Get Satisfactory Goods Every Time When You Buy Here.

E. M. LAAKMAN, Druggist,
FARMINGTON, MISSOURI.

SOME REFORM MEASURES

Suggested by Governor Folk in His Message to the General Assembly of the State.

In his message to the General Assembly Governor Folk makes recommendations for a number of reform laws, of which the following is a brief summary:

The Governor says that "the greatest need of the State and nation just now is not new laws so much as the proper enforcement of the laws we already have."

A State excise law for the proper control of the liquor traffic throughout the State. Governor Folk says that in most counties the officials at least endeavor to carry out the law, but there are some counties where the local officials "willfully neglect their duties and where the sovereignty of the lawless liquor sellers is greater than the sovereignty of the State." He would compel all dramshop keepers to take out State licenses, which could be revoked whenever the keepers violated the State laws.

A reform in the tax law he says is urgent, and suggests that the first step should be a separation of the sources of State and local revenue by a constitutional amendment. A plan will be laid before the Legislature by a commission appointed by the Governor, which will provide for discontinuing the levy of a general property tax upon the real and personal property of the State for State purposes. He believes the time will soon come when the State can obtain enough revenue for the needs of government by taxation on railroads, express, insurance, telegraph and telephone companies, and by license taxes on corporations, dramshops and other privileges, thus leaving the real and personal property in the counties free from State taxes.

A State primary law for the nomination of all elective officers, including United States Senators. The election of Senators by the people has been long demanded, but it cannot be obtained until the Federal Constitution is amended.

He advocates a registration law applicable to all towns of 10,000 inhabitants or over, and a law similar to that of Massachusetts should be adopted, where all names are placed on the same ballot, one under the other, the voter to indicate by a mark the person he desires to vote for.

He recommends the enactment of a law making it a crime for anyone to lobby with the members of the Legislature.

The railroads, he says, should be required to carry passengers within the State for 2 cents a mile.

Amendment to the State Constitution providing for the initiative and referendum.

He recommended a law making it a felony to register a bet upon a horse race, either on blackboard, or any other substance, or to telephone a bet on a horse race to any other State, or to telegraph or use any other device to accomplish the registration of bets.

Compelling witnesses in bribery prosecutions to testify when exempt from prosecution based upon their own testimony, either in whole or part.

Prohibiting professional lobbying.

Forbidding life insurance companies from making campaign contributions and also prohibiting them from printing misleading statements.

Law to suppress bucket shops, by making the offense a felony, and holding telegraph companies, employees and officials who knowingly assist in operating the same as principals.

Prohibiting the sale of fraudulent and wild-cat mining stock.

Abolishing the age limit in the parole law as it applies to first offenders, and extending the Juvenile-Court system to the entire State.

Imprisonments for violations of the anti-trust and anti-combine laws, the same as in larceny prosecutions.

Underselling in commercial business for the purpose of driving out local dealers and then raising prices to be forbidden.

Penalties for violating the maximum freight-rate laws made to rest upon all persons, corporations and partnerships concerned therein.

Forbidding one corporation from holding stock in another.

Establishment of a State Banking Department.

Provision for the ouster by quo warranto of officials who are derelict.

Reversals in appeals in criminal prosecutions not to be sustained on trivial errors of trial court unless same result in a miscarriage of justice.

CARLETON COLLEGE NOTES.

The fall term closed at Carleton College with everything in fine shape. The total enrollment in all departments for the term, counting none twice, was 111. The winter term will be a better term than the fall term, which is something new, as the fall term has been the best term of the whole year as a rule. The regular department has already enrolled, and has now in regular daily attendance, 66, which is only two less than the total enrollment for all the fall term, and other students will be in within the next few days, so that we start the term with a daily attendance equal to the total enrollment of the entire preceding term. Some of the classes are so large as to necessitate a division. All the classes are interesting, and are doing good work.

The following students have entered school who were not enrolled the fall term: Charles Presnell, W. J. Hoehn, A. M. Hopkins, Blair Hopkins, George Brennecke, Florence Coffey, H. W. Baker, Ada Bloom and Rev. Austin. The following places are represented on the roll of Carleton College for this year to date: North Venice, Ill., Alexandria, La., Bonne Terre, Libertyville, Esther, Courtois, Farmington, Arcadia, Caledonia, Sligo, Flat River, Avon, Undine, Licking, Willow Springs, DeLassus, Shawneetown, Patton, St. Louis, Knob Lick, Ironton, West Plains, Marquand, Stono, Irondale, Marble Hill, Desloge, Roselle, Jayde, Fredericktown, Advance and DeSoto.

Carleton College expects to have a splendid baseball team this season. A large number of boys will try for a place on the team. For practice, there is talk of two teams, a freshman and sophomore. Arrangements are being made with other schools for a number of games as soon as the season opens up.

All the friends of Carleton College are requested to make a special note of April 26, which is Library Day. This is a new day in the calendar of schools. A special program will be rendered on that occasion, which will be free, but all who come will be expected to make some contribution to the library. Attention is called to this that all friends may provide a book or subscription to some good periodical.

The Kennett Democrat in commenting on the fact that railroads cannot give transportation for advertising says that its editor has paid a pretty good price always for all transportation furnished, which if paid in cash would have enabled him to travel anywhere he pleased and have plenty of money to spend besides.

The Record makes mention of a New Madrid County Thirty Thousand Club.

BUSINESS COLLEGE NOTES.

Several new students have entered since the holidays, making our present enrollment 88.

Herman Schramm, who has been a deserving student the past several months, went to St. Louis last week to accept an office position.

The recent warm weather gave our athletically inclined young men a slight attack of baseball enthusiasm. They have already been planning for the opening of the baseball season and expect to have a very strong aggregation on the diamond in the spring and do everything that is honorable to retain the county scholastic championship won by the Moothart College during the past year—both in football and baseball.

Miss Maggie O'Sullivan, who has been performing, during the past several months, such efficient service in the office of Smith, Bleck & Foster, has resigned her position and is temporarily acting as private secretary to President Moothart.

Newton Murphy, who has been assisting his father in the store, expects to resume school duties next week.

Is This Prosperity?

B. F. Orr, Buffalo Center, Iowa, writes The Commoner as follows: "Regarding Lawrence Callahan's barn I wish to say this.

"Had Mr. Callahan built his barn in 1885, during a Democratic administration, he would have paid for his lumber (supposing he lived in Iowa) as follows: For dimensions, \$16 per thousand feet; for best quality of sheathing, \$16; for drop siding, \$18, and for a good quality of shingles, \$2 per thousand. Had he sold hogs to pay for it he would have received for them from \$6.50 to \$7.00 per hundred, and had he sold corn to pay for it he would have received from 50 to 60 cents per bushel.

Had he built his barn in 1893 (under another Democratic administration, but before Grover Cleveland became a Republican) he would have paid the same prices, or perhaps a little lower. He would have paid for it in hogs at from \$5 to \$6 per hundred, or corn at 45 to 50 cents per bushel.

Had he built in 1898 just before the g. o. p. got things reorganized he would have found that he could buy dimensions at \$14; the sheathing, \$12 to \$14; the drop siding \$19 to \$18, and the very best shingles at \$2.75 per thousand. For his hogs he would have received \$5 per hundred and his corn 30 cents per bushel.

But let Mr. Callahan build now, and he will pay from \$28 to \$30 for his dimensions, \$26 to \$28 for his sheathing, \$35 for his drop siding and \$4 for his shingles. He will sell his hogs at \$5.25 or \$5.50 per hundred and his corn at 30 cents per bushel.

"Now let us drop all fine theories and get to hard facts. Is it prosperity?"

Page Milster of Perry county wounded his foot while out hunting last week and had to have it amputated.

A sixteen-year-old boy named Kahler was accidentally shot while out hunting on the 31st ult. and died from his wounds.

When a Christmas committee was appointed to look up the poor and needy in Sikeston, they were unable to find any one needing assistance.

Amos, Wright, who works in a cotton gin at Portageville, was caught by the saws in the machinery on the 3d, and so terribly cut that he died in a very short time.

Charleston had a severe experience during the heavy rains last week, many houses being flooded. The basement of the public school was so full of water that the furnace could not be used for several days.